PTO/SB/08a (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute	o for form 1449A/PTO	-		Complete if Known				
				Application Number	10/619,602			
ļ l	NFORMATION DI	SCLOSU	RE	Filing Date	July 16, 2003			
;	STATEMENT BY A	APPLICA	NT	First Named Inventor	GERHARD ALBRECHT			
				Art Unit	3727			
	(use as many sheets a	s necessary)		Examiner Name	TO BE ASSIGNED			
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	028987.52386US			

Examiner Initials'	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
	140.	Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		Application of the population			
		us-					
		us-					
		us-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
	-	US-					
		us-					
		US-					
	-	US-		† ·			
2		us-					

		FOREIC	ON PATENT DO	CUMENTS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>3</sup> (# known)	Publication Date  MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
يك	) 44	EP-1264725-A1	12-11-2002	TI GROUP AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS		_
	AB	EP-0917903-A1	05-26-1999	DAIMLERCHRYSLER AG		
	Ac	DE-3428472-A1	02-13-1986	KONTAL KUNSTSTOFFTECHNIK		_

Examiner Signature Date Considered 3/17/05				 			
	 4.	X (	~	3	/17/	05	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation Is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the Individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.